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1. AS NOTED IN STATE 148402, COMMERCE DEPT DATA INDICATES ARGENTINA HAD 213,000 SHORT TONS FERROUS SCRAP ON U.S. ORDER BOOKS AS OF JULY 1, 1973, FOR JULY-DEC 1973 SHIPMENT. OF THIS, 94,000 TONS REPRESENTED ORDERS FOR JULY 1973 SHIPMENT. HOWEVER, IN JULY US SCRAP EXPORTERS APPLIED FOR LICENSES COVERING ONLY 70,000 TONS TO ARGENTINA (REF B, SECOND COLUMN OF TABLE 1), OF WHICH 35,000 TONS WERE ACTUALLY EXPORTED. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUGUST LICENSING POLICY (TRANSMITTED IN STATE A-6813) NOTED THAT BEGINNING IN AUGUST LICENSES COVERING 500 TONS AND OVER ORDERS WOULD BE VALID FOR 60 DAYS; ALSO, THAT JULY LICENSES WOULD BE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 30. THUS, IT POSSIBLE THAT PART OR ALL OF 35,000 TONS LICENSED BUT NOT EXPORTED IN JULY MAY BE
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SHIPPED IN AUGUST.

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2. RE 24,000 TON DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 94,000 TONS ARGENTINE ORDERS ON US BOOKS FOR JULY SHIPMENT AND 70,000 TONS LICENSED IN JULY (WHICH APPROXIMATES THE 23,000 TON DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 213,000 TONS ON ORDER FOR JULY-DEC SHIPMENT, AND TOTAL OF 70,000 TONS LICENSED IN JULY PLUS 120,000 TONS ORDERS ON BOOKS FOR AUGUST-DEC SHIPMENT), NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES COULD ACCOUNT FOR THIS DIFFERENCE, INCLUDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN US EXPORTERS AND ARGENTINE IMPORTERS TO MODIFY SHIPPING SCHEDULES IN SALES CONTRACTS; CANCELLATION OF CONTRACTS; DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING SHIPPING, ETC. IN CASES SUCH AS THIS ONE, WHERE MONTHLY LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR SHIPMENT TO GIVEN COUNTRY ARE BELOW REPORTED ORDER DATA, COMMERCE DOES NOT CONTACT EXPORTER(S) CONCERNING DIFFERENCE. SINCE THESE SCRAP ORDERS ARE CONTRACTED FOR BETWEEN PRIVATE PARTIES, WE BELIEVE ARGENTINE IMPORTERS ARE IN BEST POSITION TO KNOW WHETHER SCRAP SHIPPING SCHEDULES CONTAINED IN THEIR PURCHASE CONTRACTS ARE BEING ADHERED TO, AND IF NOT, REASONS FOR NON-ADHERENCE.

3. COMMERCE DATA SHOWS PRE-JULY 1 ORDERS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST SHIPMENT TOTALING 30,500 TONS, OF WHICH 13,500 TONS WERE LICENSED IN AUGUST FOR EXPORT.

4. COMMERCE DEPT PREPARED GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO LICENSE APPLICATIONS COVERING 24,000 TONS ORDERED FOR JULY BUT NOT LICENSED, AND 17,000 TONS ORDERED FOR AUGUST BUT NOT LICENSED, PROVIDING CONTRACTS UNDERLYING SUCH APPLICATIONS MEET LICENSING CRITERIA. RUSH

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